COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

<u>L.R. No.</u>: 1535-01 <u>Bill No.</u>: HB 374

Subject: Emergencies; Fire Protection; Liability

Type: Original Date: April 8, 2003

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	
Total Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0	

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Insurance**, the **Office of State Courts Administrator**, the **State Treasurer's Office**, the **Attorney General's Office**, and the **Department of Public Safety** state this proposal would not fiscally impact their agencies.

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services (DOH)** state this proposal would not be expected to significantly impact the operations of the DOH. If the proposal were to substantially impact any DOH program, the DOH would request funding through the legislative process.

FISCAL IMPACT - State Government	FY 2004 (10 Mo.)	FY 2005	FY 2006
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government	FY 2004 (10 Mo.)	FY 2005	FY 2006

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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

This proposal changes the "firefighter's rule" by allowing firefighters, police officers, or emergency medical personnel who are injured in the line of duty to recover damages from the person whose act or omission caused the injury. The firefighter's rule provides that a firefighter brought in contact with an emergency situation who is injured in the line of duty may not recover against the person whose ordinary negligence created the emergency.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Attorney General's Office
Office of State Courts Administrator
Department of Health and Senior Services
Department of Public Safety
Department of Insurance
Department of Public Safety
State Treasurer's Office

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